

# Yale Athletes to Make Trip to England if Oxford and Cambridge Accept Challenge

## Harvard Team Invited By New Haven Officials

### Elis Take Lead in Arranging International Meet for Next Summer

Special Correspondence  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15.—Yale track athletic officials to-night said that they had taken the lead in arranging the proposed track meet with Oxford and Cambridge, had invited Harvard to join them, had opened negotiations with the English universities and were expecting a reply. Moreover, Yale, while hoping that Harvard will join them in arranging the meet, has voted to carry it through, no matter if Harvard declines, should the Englishmen accept the challenge.

A statement was given out to-night reviewing Yale's efforts to arrange the meet, and the text of the letter sent to the English universities by Professor Mendell, head of the Yale athletic system, was announced. The Yale track athletic official's statement follows:

"The statement from Cambridge, Mass., to-day that Oxford and Cambridge universities have challenged Yale to a track meet in England in 1920, and that Harvard has accepted the challenge, while Yale is still undecided, is slightly erroneous.

"Full fairness to the English universities it must be stated that no challenge has been received from them. In accordance with the approval of the Yale athletic board of control, the Yale authorities have communicated with Harvard as to the desirability of sending a challenge to the two English universities and Professor Mendell, chairman of the board of control, has written Oxford and Cambridge asking whether they will consider the challenge to the two English universities, summer with Yale and Harvard.

"The Yale board of control voted last month to sanction a meet with the English universities, even if Harvard should find it impossible to participate.

"The letter sent to Oxford and Cambridge follows:

"President of the Athletic Association.  
"Dear Sir: A considerable number of graduates and undergraduates of the universities of Harvard and Yale have been very much interested since coming back from Europe at the end of the war in the possibility of a team composed of their track athletes and one representing Oxford and Cambridge. Whether such an event is feasible or not I cannot say, nor can speak authoritatively for either Harvard or Yale. But I am anxious to find out whether our universities are interested in the plan and whether you would welcome a challenge from these two American universities for a meet to be held in London some time next July if such a challenge were to be sent.

"It has seemed to a great many of us that the relations between English and American universities, either this year or next would be an excellent move toward cementing our friendships begun during the last few years.

"If we were to succeed in arranging such a meet for next July there would necessarily be a great deal of preparation to be made on this side and I would very much appreciate it if you would let us know at an early date whether in your opinion such a plan would be acceptable to the athletic authorities of Oxford and Cambridge.

"With the sincere hope that the future relationship between our universities may be even more close and cordial than they were in the past, believe, sir,  
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### Sharpe Offers To Quit as Yale Football Coach

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15.—Goaded by incessant criticism of his football coaching this fall, Dr. Albert Hayes Sharpe, Yale's new athletic director, said to-night:

"If Yale alumni and undergraduates really attribute the loss of the Harvard and Princeton games to my coaching and want to bring Tad Jones back as head coach, I shall not demand that Yale carry out my three-year contract.

"If my work is unsatisfactory and there is a popular demand that I go, I will go. There have been cliques that were not working for the best interests of Yale, and there was no harmony. There is too great a bridge between the academic and the scientific department. Yale lost its two biggest games because of loose playing."

Dr. Sharpe was asked to comment on the statement made last week by Trainer John Mack to the effect that, when an eleven is on the 1-yard line and cannot score because of a missed signal, something is wrong. He answered:

"The play that was called for was an off tackle play, and Braden, who took the ball, went through centre."


"Then Braden disobeyed his signals?"

"Either that or he misunderstood them."


## Wonder What a Man Window Shopping Thinks About - By BRIGGS

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I WISH I HAD SOME IDEA AS TO WHAT ALICE WANTS - I'VE LOOKED INTO A MILE OF WINDOWS AND NOTHING DO I SEE -




I HATE TO GO IN A STORE UNLESS I KNOW WHAT I WANT - THAT'S A MIGHTY GOOD LOOKING MANICURE SET BUT I KNOW SHE'D BAWL ME OUT IF I GOT HER THAT.



THERE'S A STUNNING SHOPPING BAG BUT HOLY CAT WHAT A PRICE! ANYWAY I'M NO JUDGE OF THOSE THINGS - SHE CAN PICK OUT HER OWN.



A NECKLACE! I HEARD HER RAVING OVER ONE SOMETHING LIKE THAT ONE THE OTHER NIGHT - BUT NO - I GUESS I WON'T - NOPE - THERE OUGHT TO BE SOMETHING ELSE.




I'LL JUST KEEP THE NECKLACE IDEA IN MIND UNTIL I THINK OF SOMETHING BETTER




I WISH I HAD THE NERVE TO GO IN AND BUY SOME SILK STOCKINGS - OR SILK UNDERWEAR - LAHN-JER-EE - STILL I DON'T KNOW HER SIZE - OH PSHAW



I'D MAKE A BIG HIT WITH HER IF I'D GET SOME NICE SILK UNDERWEAR - ER LINGERIE - ALL WOMEN CERTAINLY LIKE THAT STUFF



I'LL LOOK AT A FEW MORE WINDOWS FIRST AND - IF I DON'T SEE ANYTHING I'LL GIVE HER A CHECK -



### Navy Adds Western Eleven to Schedule; Seven Other Games

Special Correspondence  
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 15.—The Naval Academy football schedule for 1920 contains a list of opponents covering a wide field, though some of the stronger eleven which were willing to play at Annapolis could not be accommodated. It was decided that Princeton, West Point and Georgetown afforded all the big games desired.

The only date not filled is October 9, which is likely to go to Maryland State. No game is wanted for November 20, just a week before final contest against the Army team.

This is the schedule:

October 2, North Carolina State; October 16, Bucknell; October 25, Princeton; October 30, Western Reserve; November 6, Georgetown; November 13, University of South Carolina; November 27, United States Military Academy. Princeton will be played at Princeton and the Military Academy probably at New York. All the games are arranged for Annapolis.

Centre College, Georgia Tech, Washington and Lee and the Universities of Nebraska and Detroit were among the teams which expressed a willingness to play at Annapolis during the season of 1920.

## The SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

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**Penshots of 1919 Champions**  
**No. 3—Davison Herron**  
When Evans, from his lofty height, Unfurled his mashe on the air— When Ouimet gave the bill a smite And made the gaping duffers stare— Where experts congregate and rave, How many said: "Look out for Dave!"

His retund form was overlooked, And yet, emerging from the rut, He rarely ever sliced or hooked And almost never missed a putt; And I should say that's nearly all You have to do to get the cup.

**Up From the Mists**  
When the amateur golf championship for 1919 opened over the very fine Oakmont course there were four favorites placed on the field. These four men were Chick Evans, Francis Ouimet, Bobby Jones and Robert A. Gardner.

Dave Herron was given some consideration, because it was known that he played Oakmont well, but those who had looked over his past championship record refused to take him very seriously.

This was a logical deduction. In 1915 at Detroit, his first start, Herron had been dropped in his first match.

In 1916 at Merion he had failed to qualify among the thirty-two select.

Upon what basis, then, should he be lifted up with Evans, Ouimet, Gardner and Jones?

**Through the Tournament**  
Herron started the tournament with a wonderful mental attitude. He did not look forward to winning, nor did he become overanxious or depressed. He began playing as if each round was merely a friendly battle for a ball a hole. He showed no trace of elation when he holed a good putt nor any sign of annoyance when he missed a short one.

He merely went plugging his way along, playing fine golf from the first day out.

Herron failed to turn in a single erratic round. His steadiness was hooked to brilliant dashes—such as the 35 going out he slipped to Thompson, of Canada, in a driving rain.

When he reached the final round against Bobby Jones he was at the top of his game—confident in the use of every club, with the putting touch as sure and as deadly as the Travis-Travers brand of other years. He not only holed 8 and 10 and 15 feet putts consistently, but he went after each as if he fully expected to drop the ball in the cup.

**Berkeley Irving Tossers**  
**Double Franklin's Score**  
Berkeley Irving School overhauled Franklin School 30 to 15 in a basketball contest on the latter's court yesterday. During the first half Berkeley was surprised by the attack of Franklin, which led at the end of the period 9 to 8.

The line-up:

BERKELEY (40) Pos. FRANKLIN (34)  
Hunt, ... R. ... Minton  
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Hunt, ... R. ... Minton

**Earned His Place**  
When a man plays the best golf in a tournament from Saturday through Saturday, when in the final stretch he is able to play thirty-two holes two better than 4's over one of the most rugged tests in the realm of golf, there is no great question as to how he has met the test. Herron had to be at his best to beat Bobby Jones, for the Atlanta youngster held on grimly the greater part of the way against putting exhibitions that would have broken the soul of the normal contender.

But there wasn't a period where Herron developed the slightest attack of nerves.

**His Game**  
Herron yet hasn't developed the variety of strokes that belong to Evans, Ouimet or Jones.

But when a golfer can play these three shots—a long, straight drive down the middle, a high mashe or mashe niblick pitch to the green, and a deadly putting touch—he is going to be a difficult proposition to overthrow if he hasn't another stroke to offer. Herron is a tremendous hitter in the way of carry, and he has an ideal temperament for play—the ability to concentrate upon the stroke that is to be played next, unmindful of past mistakes nor yet buoyed up with any dreams of beating par.

Herron is much more likely, on the average, to be steady than brilliant. For this reason in a championship where nerves are a trifle tant he will always be a dangerous factor with the confidence engendered by his 1919 victory.

For it means a lot in a golf championship to break through the ice the first time. And now Dave is safely through, confidently waiting for 1920 to roll around.

**154 Games in Southern**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 15.—John D. Martin, of Memphis, was reelected president of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs and a playing season of 154 games was adopted at the opening session to-day of the annual meeting here. April 15 was fixed as opening day of the 1920 season.

**Cannefax to Play Otis**  
Bob Cannefax, the three-cushion billiard champion, will meet Charles Otis, a former title-holder, in a 150-point match at The Friars the last three days of this month. Cannefax is wagering \$750 to \$500 to be put up by Otis. The latter recently defeated the champion in a similar match.

### O'Brien Assumes Duties as Official Of New York Club

Joseph D. O'Brien, the new secretary of the New York Giants, has taken charge of the Fifth Avenue Building office and was busy renewing old-time acquaintances yesterday. John B. Foster, the retiring secretary, will remain a week or ten days to familiarize his successor with the ropes.

For years Foster has been a popular official. New York football fans owe him a debt of gratitude. It was his untiring efforts that brought annual Army-Navy and other major gridiron battles to the Polo Grounds.

Foster appears to have no immediate business plans. He is the editor of the "Spalding Guide" and the "Spalding Record Book," which publications are almost ready for the presses. This work completed he intends to take a rest and will doubtless visit the Dover Hall Club, near Brunswick, Ga.

Joe O'Brien is a familiar figure to New York fannom and a capable executive. Indeed, he was club secretary with the late John T. Brush and preceded Foster in office. O'Brien is a baseball man of varied experience, whose career has been brilliant in the extreme. As president of the American Association he placed the Class AA circuit in the first rank of minor league baseball.

### Opening Court Games Will Be Played Jan. 14

The Metropolitan Association basketball championship committee announced at its meeting last night that the opening games of the 140-pound class will begin on January 14, with other matches on the 17th and 24th. Four games are to be played on the first two dates and three contests on the last. Entries will close on January 5 and on the following evening the committee will convene to complete the schedule.

Representatives from six clubs in the local district attended the meeting last night, but the committee expects twelve to fifteen teams will compete. It was voted to permit eight members to constitute a team and to award eight gold medals to the winning team and eight silver medals to the second team.

**Zhyzsko on Mat Tonight**  
Wladek Zhyzsko will wrestle Bob Montague, the Belgian giant, in a finish match at Columbia Hall, Richmond Hill, to-night.

### Strong Centre College Team Charged With Professionalism

The recent charges against the Centre College football team, that it is an eleven made up mostly of professional players, brought by West Virginia University, which was defeated by Centre this season, may mean that Harvard will cancel its game with the Kentucky institution for next fall, if the allegations are proved.

Centre, by defeating West Virginia, one of the best teams in the country, and by scoring 455 points for the season, as well as by defeating Indiana and others, stamped itself as one of the star elevens of the year. Then came the charge recently that the Centre squad wasn't a college team at all, but an eleven composed mostly of professionals.

This allegation is contained in "The Athenaeum," the college publication of West Virginia University. Earl Smith, editor of "The Fairmont (W. Va.) Times," made an investigation and "The Athenaeum" story was the result. The article says in part:

"To start at the beginning, the race horse people of Lexington, that big sporting Kentucky town, wanted a football team that could defeat Camp Taylor, at Louisville, during the season of 1918.

"Two men were hired to form a team. One was Moran, the coach,

## Major Clubs Select Sites For Training

### Long Trips To Be Resumed; Senators' Sale Strengthens Ban Johnson's Hand

By W. J. Macbeth  
Practically all sixteen of the major league clubs have decided upon spring training camps for 1920, and most of them will hark back to the old days of long trips and pretentious retinues. Texas, Florida and Georgia, as has been the case for many years, continue the favored states for spring conditioning. It is known that at least three major outfits will invade each of these commonwealths. The Giants will train at San Antonio, Tex., and the Chicago White Sox at Waukegan, Ill. Branch Rickey will take the St. Louis Cardinals to Brownsville, in the Lone Star State. Dreyfus will let his new manager, George Gibson, select the training site, and Gibson is known to dote on Texas. He may even take a chance with Marlin.

The Yankees and Dodgers will return to Jacksonville, Fla. Pat Moran is going to take the world's champion Reds to Miami. Cincinnati went to Texas last spring and encountered the most provoking weather of history. The club had to train on the railroad tracks, yet overcame hardships and won the highest honors in baseball. Most managers in Moran's position would string along with Texas on a hunch, but Pat is not superstitious.

Clark Griffith will take the Senators back to Augusta, Ga., while Hugh Jennings will return to Macon with the Detroit Tigers. The Boston Braves will train again at Columbus, Ga.

Alabama and Louisiana will each claim two major league clubs; Cleveland returns to New Orleans and Connie Mack will forsake Shibe Park for Lae Charles, La. The St. Louis Browns will go to Mobile and the Phillies to Birmingham.

The Cubs are to train at Pasadena, Calif., where they prepared for the pennant triumph of 1918. Harry Frazee and Barrow have practically decided to take the Boston Red Sox to Hot Springs, Ark.

There will be at least three inter-league spring series and joint trips northward. Irrespective of where Boston may train the Red Sox will hook up with the Giants for a series in Texas and intervening points. Once more the Yankees will engage the Dodgers, while the Braves and Tigers will tour northward in company.

### Johnson's Support Bolstered

The sale of the Washington club to William Richardson, a Philadelphia broker, and Clark Griffith, part owner and manager of the team, strengthens Ban Johnson's hand in his fight against the Comiskey-Ruppert-Huston-Frazee revolutionary faction.

Prior to the annual meeting of the American League in this city last week Washington appeared the weak link in the league's chain of supporters. Washington, owned by a multitude of small stockholders, was quite discouraged over the outlook for war, it is said, and was about ready to swing over to the revolutionists to defeat the elimination of the old board of directors, when Griffith discovered a purchaser for the majority stock of the club. Upon the completion of the deal Griffith announced that the clubs policy in the fight would remain unchanged. Washington would continue to support Mr. Johnson.

One more vote before the meeting would have effected a triumph for the opponents of Johnson's policy. Griffith has created a deadlock and retained the old board in power. Two votes are now required to effect a change of league policy in a strictly baseball procedure. With all hope for Washington lost, the belligerents can never expect a change of heart within two opposition clubs. Cleveland, St. Louis and Philadelphia of necessity must remain adamant. Which means a fight to the death in the courts.

This legal fight is to open to-morrow in Part I of the Supreme Court, before Justice Lyden. The opening move is an order for all the books, papers and documents of the Cleveland club that would tend to prove Mr. Johnson's relations with the property. He claims to hold \$58,500 in stock as collateral for a loan. Which means a fight to the death in the courts.

St. Sanborn, president of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, who doubtless will represent the scribes on the proposed new joint rules committee, suggests the abolition of stolen bases where such a gift of a team which has a good lead.

It is true such steals, often seen in the late innings, are neither just nor merited. But it would be an injustice to abolish them. It would deprive him of the fruit of his enterprise. Furthermore in scoring every advance must be accounted for.

The fan would prefer a play in every emergency. The rule is already very easily remedied by charging a passed ball against the catcher with every such steal if no play were made to foil the runner.



Santa's conundrum:  
What goes up a chimney up and down a chimney down?  
Give up?  
Why, a Christmas umbrella, of course!

You'll travel far to find any handsomer line of travelling bags than we show at our four convenient corners.

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## Champion Leonard And Dundee Post Forfeits for Bout

Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee have been signed for what has the earmarks of a championship bout. The fight will be held at New Haven on January 15, and will be for twenty rounds to a decision. It probably will be held under the indorsement of the Army, Navy and Civilian Board of Boxing Control, which body will select a referee and two judges for the bout.

Forfeits of \$5,000 were posted yesterday by the principals, who have agreed that the weight should be 135 pounds. The lightweight limit which has been decided upon by the Army, Navy and Civilian Board. Of course, Dundee will have no trouble in making the weight, but Leonard frequently has gone into the ring a few pounds heavier, and may have to do some strenuous work to make the weight.

Leonard and Dundee have fought many no-decision contests. Leonard usually earns the popular decision. This bout will give Giuseppe Carrara, which is Dundee's name out of the ring, a chance for the championship. From the form that Leonard has been showing of late, it will be a rather slim chance. The handy manner in which Leonard disposed of Mel Coogan in Jersey the other night indicates that Leonard will be at the top of his form when he meets Dundee at New Haven. And when Leonard is right there is no body within ten pounds of his weight who should worry him to any extent.

### Comiskey Insists Sox Put Forth Best Efforts

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Rumors that several members of the White Sox did not put forth their best efforts during the world's series were denied to-day by President Charles Comiskey.

Comiskey, who said he had investigated the rumors since the reports were first heard at the close of the series, declared he has found no indication of "double crossing" by any of the players.

### Seek Seeman-Donze Bout

Several amateur clubs of the city are eager to place Sol Seeman, Brooklyn A. A., and Ashton Donze, of New Orleans, as the feature attraction of an amateur boxing tourney. Donze is expected back from a Scandinavian tour within a few days and it is expected he will be matched against Seeman in a special bout. Seeman and Donze were the finalists in their class for the trip overseas with Donze a victor through aggressiveness in the last half-minute of boxing.

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